



Amendment to Claims

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This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this Application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-19 Cancelled

Claim 20 (Previously Presented) A workpiece surface-gripping device attachable to

the outer end of an elongate, ribbon-like and generally planar linear measuring tape possessing a long axis comprising

a generally bottle-cap shaped circular body having (a) a substantially circular, planar central body expanse possessing a substantially circular perimeter, and (b) an elongate, substantially annular and continuous perimeter rim structure projecting substantially normally in one direction from and relative to said body expanse, with said rim structure taking the form of a single curved row of projecting, side-by-side adjacent, workpiece-gripping teeth distributed along the full length of said perimeter, said teeth being the only workpiece-gripping teeth in the device, and

snap-fit mounting structure joined to said body expanse substantially centrally relative to the body expanse's said perimeter, said mounting structure accommodating releasable, captured mounting of the device on such a tape at a location adjacent the tape's outer end, and in such a manner that, when the device is so mounted, said teeth, substantially circumsurround the tape's long axis, with the teeth projecting from the plane of said body expanse toward that tape.

Claim 21 (New) A workpiece surface-gripping device joinable adjacent the outer end of an elongate, ribbon-like and generally planar linear measuring tape comprising

a gripper body having a generally planar body expanse in the form of a closed plane with perimeter structure which generally circumsurround said body expanse, said perimeter structure being formed with a row of plural, spaced, perimeter-distributed, workpiece surface-gripping projecting teeth adapted to contact and grip the far surface of a workpiece having a dimension which is being measured relative to that surface, and

mounting structure joined to said body expanse, and accommodating mounting of the device on such a tape at a location adjacent the tape's outer end, and in such a manner that different workpiece surface-gripping teeth that are present in said row in said perimeter structure are operatively located on, and in spaced relation to, opposite sides of the tape's nominal plane, and with said teeth generally extending toward the tape.

Claim 22 (New): A workpiece surface-gripping device attachable to the outer end of an elongate, ribbon-like and generally planar linear measuring tape possessing a long axis comprising

a generally bottle-cap shaped circular body having (a) a substantially circular, closed-planar central body expanse possessing a substantially circular perimeter, and (b) an elongate, substantially annular and continuous perimeter rim structure projecting substantially normally in one direction from and relative to the plane of said body expanse, and taking the form of a single, curved, continuous circular row of projecting, side-by-side adjacent, workpiece-gripping teeth distributed along the full length of said perimeter, said teeth being the only workpiece-gripping teeth in the device, and

snap-fit mounting structure joined to said body expanse substantially centrally

relative to the body expanse's said perimeter, and projecting from the plane of the body expanse in the same one direction as do said teeth, said mounting structure accommodating releasable, captured mounting of the device on such a tape at a location adjacent the tape's outer end, and in such a manner that, when the device is so mounted, said teeth, substantially circumsurround and are circularly centered on the tape's long axis, with the teeth projecting from the plane of said body expanse toward that tape.